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§12–121.

(a) Subject to § 12–120(b) of this subtitle, if all reasonable precautions have been taken to protect underground facilities, § 12–120(a) of this subtitle and §§ 12–122 through 12–135 of this subtitle do not apply to an emergency excavation or demolition being performed to prevent danger to life, health, or property.

(b) A person performing an emergency excavation or demolition to prevent danger to life, health, or property shall:

(1) take all reasonable precautions to protect underground facilities in and near the excavation or demolition area; and

(2) immediately notify the one–call system serving the geographic area where the emergency excavation or demolition is performed to inform the appropriate owner–members of the excavation or demolition area.

(c) A person that abuses the emergency excavation and demolition procedure set forth in this section is subject to penalties under § 12–135 of this subtitle.

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